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Implementing LCAS (Link  
Capacity Adjustment Scheme)  
Sinking with Rate Based Flow  
Control

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DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTOL-1449 which lists the documents relating to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

Attached is the following document, some of which may not be prior art:

"Understanding Virtual Concatenation and Link Capacity Adjustment Scheme in SONET/SDH"; by Transwitch, presented at Communication Design Conference, 2003; Shelton, Connecticut. This document describes the fundamentals of virtual concatenation and the VCAT and LCAS processes.

The listed documents are brought to the Examiner's attention because they are known to the applicant and/or the applicant's attorney and may be considered by the Examiner to be material to his/her examination. This listing should not be construed as representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists. No inference should be made that the documents are in fact material merely because they are referenced herein. Moreover, no representation is made that the brief descriptions of the references herein necessarily describe the most material aspects

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of the references. Further, by this listing, the applicant is not making any admission regarding the relative dates of the invention and listed disclosures.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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